

REPORT NAME: Staff Connections (OT & PT) 2026-2027

REPORT OF: Intense Student Support Network

FOR: Information

STRATEGIC GOAL ALIGNMENT: *Board Strategic Plan Goal II- Instruction; Goal IV- Supporting Buildings & Classrooms; and Goal VII-Resource Allocations*

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE ALIGNMENT: Staff Connections provides staffing physical and occupational therapists. Staff will serve public and non-public schools that are eligible per their IEP's and service plans.

FISCAL FUND IMPACT: This will be a Special Education Expenditure

IMPACT AMOUNT: \$600,000.00

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY/BACKGROUND:

As mandated by IDEA, we are required to provide the minimum amount of service time identified on IEP's and service plans for students currently enrolled in our district and for students who qualify for OT and or PT and attend a public or private school within the Southfield boundaries.

COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS:

Maintaining compliance will support student success as we address the learning gap and improve outcomes for students with disabilities. The district will reduce the risk of having to provide compensatory services and or financial sanctions from the Michigan Department of Education and federal monitors.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Superintendent recommends continuing our partnership with Staff Connections as we strive to deliver high-quality programs and services for students with disabilities.

IMPACT IF NOT APPROVED:

Southfield Public Schools will be found non-compliant to both state and federal regulations that mandate services are provided as outlined in the IEP and service plans.

NEXT STEPS IF APPROVED:

If approved, Staff Connections will continue to provide service to the students and families of Southfield Public Schools.